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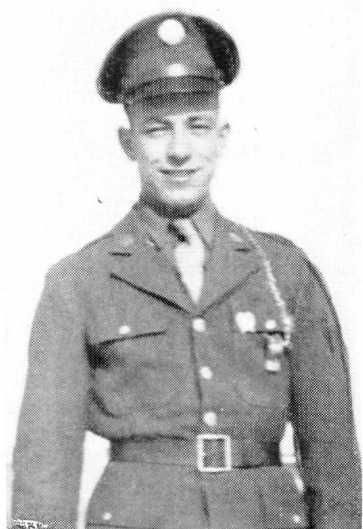


OUR MAXIMUM WARTIME PRODUCTION ★

"OF THE EMPLOYEES ★ ★ ★ ★ BY THE EMPLOYEES ★ ★ ★ ★ FOR THE EMPLOYEES"

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BONDS CAN SAVE LIVES! BUY MORE WAR BONDS



Private Leon L. Rivard, A. H. S.

This 20 year old youth is the first Sprague employee to give his life in action for his country. Killed in battle at Arawe in the Pacific, the death of Private Rivard brings close to each one of us the full meaning of this war. The entire Sprague organization extends its sympathy to the family and relatives of this young hero.

Former Sprague Employee Killed In Action at Arawe

Letter From General McArthur Tells Family Of Loss

A telegram from the War Department informed Mr. and Mrs. William Rivard of the death of their son, Pvt. Leon L. Rivard, killed in action at Arawe on January 16. A letter following, signed by General McArthur verifies this fact, but gives no further details. The telegram reads:

The Secretary of War desires me to express his deep regret that your son Pvt. Leon L. Rivard was killed in action in the defense of his country January 16, 1944 at Arawe. Letter follows. Signed: Adjutant General.

Lacked Two Days of Having Served One Year Overseas.

Pvt. Rivard was a member of a weapon group with the Cavalry. He had been in overseas service one year, lacking two days when he was killed. He enlisted in the army in September, 1942, and left for overseas duty on

January 18, 1943, without having a furlough to say goodbye to his family.

The entire Sprague organization extends sympathy to the parents, brothers and sister and relatives of this 20-year old youth who has made the supreme sacrifice for his country. Two other brothers are in the Service as well—Corporal William Rivard, serving with the Air Corps in England, and Staff Sgt. Robert R. Rivard stationed in Tennessee, who was a former Sprague worker and member of Co. K National Guard. His mother, Laura, is employed at the Block Test Department, of Spragues, and his brother, Jack, is employed in the lunch-room at the Beaver plant. A sister, Dorothy, is in school.

Pvt. Rivard was born in North Adams and attended the Houghton school. He left school to work for the Sprague Specialties Company, in the Dry Test department, and was there until his enlistment in the army. He received his basic training at Ft. Riley, Kansas and was sent into the Pacific war zone four months later.

Dr. John Burnham To Conduct Second Portion Of Electronics Course

By Carmella Cioffi

The Electrical and Magnetic Properties of metals and their application, and the Explanation of those Properties in Terms of the Electronic Structure of the Atom" will be the introductory lecture in the second portion of the Electronics course. This lecture and the subsequent four will be under the direction of Dr. John Burnham.

The Electronics course, now in its fifth week, was organized by Mr. E. S. Whitten and conducted by Mr. William Allison of the Spragues Engineering Laboratory for the first five meetings. Mr. Allison's initial topic "Electronic Tubes as Sources of Light" was attended by over one hundred persons including instructors, skilled workmen and laymen. Supplementary lectures on diodes and triodes, cathode ray tubes, and vacuum tube oscillators were presented by Mr. Volney Haswell, Mr. Nelson Beverly, and Mr. Harry Barschdorf, respectively.

The presentation of every lecture reflected careful thought and adroit planning so as to further instruct those familiar with the subject and yet acquaint those laymen present. Movies, oscillographs, charts, tubes, diagrams and actual demonstrations were supplied throughout the course to illustrate the uses and operation of the devices discussed. The success of such an approach was evidenced by the large attendance at every session.

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John D. Washburn Boy Scout Area Chairman

To Establish 16 New Scout Troops and Cub Packs

John D. Washburn, head of Personnel Department, was named Northern Berkshire chairman for the Berkshire Boy Scout council to establish 16 new Boy Scout troops and Cub packs in the county. Grant B. Cole of Pittsfield is general chairman.

Plans for the drive were made at a recent meeting in Pittsfield at which Larry F. Soars, council executive, reported that there are now 67 scout units, including a total membership of 1,536 boys, in the county. It was also revealed that the county council has received its first "acorn" award, a plaque given to councils which successfully meet important objectives in organization and extension during a calendar year.

BOND DRIVE GOING WELL Over \$5,000 Per Week Average In Bond Purchases To Date

As we go to press the 4th War Bond campaign at Sprague's goes into the final stages. When you read these lines you will have just three things left you can do.

ONE--you can, if you haven't bought a bond yet, step up and turn in your bond purchase so that it will count in this campaign. There may be some whom the committees and solicitors have not been able to contact. Don't hesitate. Make sure you are counted in.

TWO--you can increase your purchases already made during this campaign, thus boosting the Sprague record as well as your own. No matter how much you invest in War Bonds it can never begin to equal the sacrifice made by those men who have given their lives to win this war.

THREE--you can persuade others to come in and make it 100%.

Nothing succeeds like success. Because we are doing fairly well is no reason to let up at the last minute. If every Sprague employee, and of course that means You, will do more within twenty-four hours after reading this page--if you will urge some fellow employee to do likewise--then, as Sprague workers and as American citizens we can each feel that we have done our share to put this 4th War Bond Campaign over the top.

FIVE GAROFANO BROTHERS IN SERVICE



Top row: Pvt. Ernest, formerly of K.V.A. Served in Africa, Italy and Sicily, hospitalized in U.S.A.; Pfc. Andrew F., Camp Pickett, Va. Not employed here. Insert: Pvt. Anthony, Camp Shelby, Miss., formerly of Maintenance. Lower row: Pvt. Edward, served in Africa, Sicily and Italy, now in England; Cpl. Philip, former Sprague worker now at Drew Field, Fla.

"Of the Employees,- by the Employees,- for the Employees."

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"Every Sprague Worker an Assistant Reporter."

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GETTING ACQUAINTED

The big and important fact that stands out following the successful first annual banquet of the Sprague Log is that when Sprague folks really get acquainted they can be one of the most congenial groups imaginable and have a great, good time.

Besides the value of having the Log Reporters, Editors, Managers, Printers and Engravers come together at one time, the comment on all sides, during the dinner and dancing and ever since, has been that Sprague folks should get together oftener and become even better acquainted with one another.

EVER WONDER WHAT A SOLDIER THINKS ABOUT?

If you've never tried to cram yourself into a fox-hole while all Hell breaks loose around you, and the bombs come raining down...

If you've never waited, your throat parched, your heart pounding, your very hands sweating, as the Captain's watch ticks off the last seconds before you attack, to stake your life against the Nazi or the Jap...

If you've never tried to keep your finger steady on the trigger of a machine gun, while your buddies drop on all sides of you...

Well, you just can't know what a soldier thinks about war, and life... and death. Let me tell you.

We don't want to die. We're young. We have our whole lives before us. But if we've got to choose between death and defeat—we'll say good-bye right now!

Once in a while we soldiers sit around and talk about things... back home. And we just can't help wondering why anybody's got to be asked to buy War Bonds, when the very lives of their brothers, their sons and their loved ones depend on the things those War Bonds buy.

Give us tank for tank, plane for plane, and gun for gun—and we'll beat the Japs and Nazis. And the more and faster we get them, the sooner we'll win—yes, and the fewer will be the white crosses on the battlefields.

Can you sit down and examine your conscience? Can you truthfully say you are buying all the War Bonds you can afford?

Would you buy more if the life of your own son depended on it? Would you step up your purchases to every dollar you could scrape together if the future of your country hung on your actions?

Multiply yourself by millions of other Americans, and you'll see each man and woman must help decide the fate of all us.

So sit down and do a little figuring, will you? Take another notch in your belt. Put every last dime and dollar you can possibly afford into War Bonds.

Then maybe they'll come back sooner, these boys of ours. More of them. Victorious. Alive.

Radio Review

The February 1st radio program featured Mr. Charles Pickup in a short but interesting account of the Time Study Department. Mr. Pickup told how necessary such work is — not only to aid the operator — but to aid the government and Management in their program of getting out necessary equipment on time. Mrs. Doris Tyler, who sang so ably at the Log dinner, was the soloist for the Program, while the Sprague quartet added some very excellent harmony. The quartet for this series included Mr. Joe Macksey, Mr. Larry Madison, Mr. Bob Shoemaker and Mr. Reginald H. White. Mr. White has pinchhit for us on another occasion, and the Sprague Log appreciates his willingness to help out.

Mrs. Mabel Bourgeois introduced the guests of the program, and the program closed with a short talk from Lieutenant Kay Burns, home on furlough. Kay has skipped about the country since her entrance to the Service, being stationed at Iowa, California, Florida, and now Georgia and her many friends were glad to hear about her many experiences.



Harold Olson and son Lennie. Harold worked in the Carpenter Shop, now stationed at Sampson. His wife Phyllis is with the Production Engineering Dept.

New Staff Members

The Log extends a warm welcome to those new staff reporters whose names appear for the first time in the January and February issues, and thanks to the old members on whom they can always rely for news.

New names appearing in this issue are Carmella Cioffi, Hazel Goodale, Alyce O'Brien and Constance Urbano for the Beaver Plant, and Margaret Crews for Brown Street. Our January staff welcomed Ruth Bass, Lucy DeFazio, Angie Langer, Catherine Pappas, Margaret Perreault and Bernice Owczarski in the Beaver staff and Dorothy Pasierbiak and Margaret Kernahan to the Brown Street staff. Special mention should be given to our new Art Department, with Hank Gattuso and Louise Bass. Watch for new slogan signs that Hank creates, and we hope to have other interesting displays of his shortly. Hope you like the new cartoons which Louise Bass has in this issue!

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S—For the skill that we apply in our work —

P—for the precision our products are built with,

R—for the results our customers get on land, sea and air.

A—for accuracy and attention of inspection

G—for the good name our condensers have throughout the world

U—for unending devotion to give our boys the best we can

E—for E award, cherished so highly

S—for SERVICE to our boys on all fighting fronts!

Lila Beaudette

EAGLE SCOUT AWARD ON RADIO LOG



On February 8, the Sprague Radio Log was given over entirely to a special Boy Scout program opening the celebration of Boy Scout Week in the Northern District of the Berkshire Council. Representatives of 16 Troops took part in the Scout songs and the Scout oath. Mr. John G. Shirley and Mr. Peter Mancuso, gave the principal addresses. Mr. Fred Windover, Chairman of the Activities Committee, lead six Scoutmasters and six Scouts through the six steps along the Scout Trail in a unique radio pageant. The Court of Honor followed with Mr. Leo Lynch, Assistant District Executive officiating. After presenting awards to the scouts who took part in the pageant, Mr. Lynch awarded the Eagle Scout badge to Clement Gardner, Sr., Scoutmaster of Troop 38. In the picture above, by Fred Crosier, Mrs. Eugenie Gardner is pinning the Eagle badge on her son, while her grandson, Clement Gardner, Jr. looks on. The latter received his Eagle Scout badge three months ago. A truly unusual ceremony, never before conducted over the radio.

Sprague Slogan Contest Closed Officially Dec. 31

Honorable Mention Given Several Sent in Late

The official closing date of the Sprague War Production slogan contest was December 31 as announced several times during the contest and at the start. However, so enthusiastic did many contestants become, that they kept right on sloganeering after the race was over. Some slogans sent in after the closing date were quite good and we publish below those receiving honorable mention for over-time on their slogan work.

Soldiers home on furlough say: Sprague Production paves the way!

Joseph Macksey

Let's put Sprague's name on the wall of "Victory Hall!"

James Hancock

At Sprague's don't be slackers, But darn good backers!

Victor Gendron

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Soldiers Of Production

We are Soldiers of Production And working hard are we, Our condensers reap destruction By land, and sky and sea.

Let each and every one of us Forget to ever make a fuss If things are not just to our liking... Who are we, to do the griping?

Our boys are struggling with the foe No matter if their names, be Tom, Mike or Joe. They know not what it is to stall So it's up to us to heed their call.

Heed the slogans on the wall — Help keep production on the ball!

Doris Finlayson

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Drury High School Principal To Speak On Radio

The Sprague Radio Log for February 15 is featured by an address by D. W. Fowler, Principal of Drury High School. Mr. Edward H. Gardner of the Sprague Company will also be a principal speaker, and Miss Catherine Pappas will serve as hostess.

Results of Ballot

Cash Awards to Top 15 In Sprague Slogan Contest

Valeda Daoust Takes First Prize

Just as we go to press we learn that in the popular vote for the first fifteen places in the August to December Sprague War Production Slogan Contest—the winners were as follows:

Valeda Daoust captures 1st, 3rd, 5th and 11th place in the balloting. Doris Finlayson wins 2nd, 7th, 8th and 13th place in the voting. Joey Crescenbini received two awards, the 4th and 15th. Other popular winners were Evelyn Dodge with 6th place, Michael Cirullo - 9th, Clotilde Astorino - 10th, Mario Magnani - 12th, and J. W. Wright in 14th place.

The slogans and winners by departments will be published prominently in the next Log. Later watch for the handsome large signs to be placed in or near the various departments in which the slogans originated.

Sprague Training Center Described In INDUSTRY

December INDUSTRY, official magazine of the Associated Industries of Massachusetts, carried a feature story on the Sprague Training Center. Written by M. Norcross Stratton, Director, and Thomas L. Flynn, Supervisor, Division of Vocational Education, Mass. Dept. of Education, it credits to Mr. Amos Carey, Factory Manager, for great foresight in inviting the Mass. Dept. of Education to assist in setting up the Training Center of which Mr. Oliver Baker is in charge. We plan to publish a large part of the article in the next Log, as it should be of interest to our readers.

FORMATION DEPT.

In this Department we start forming The condensers for radios and tanks Which are used by the boys over there — The boys known as Fighting Yanks.

Yes — Long hours of work we know — But it is not in vain. For even the smallest part we make Is a fighting soldier's gain.

Therefore, we are glad to relate To the world, this information We are proud to be an employee In the department known as FORMATION!

A. J. Bonnieville

Log Banquet Outstanding Occasion of Winter

Mr. R. C. Sprague Guest Speaker

Mr. R. C. Sprague, our President, was guest speaker at the first annual get-together of the *Log* staff. Mr. Sprague was grateful for the opportunity to greet the entire *Log* staff, saying that when a company expands as rapidly as the Sprague Specialties has done, it becomes increasingly difficult to know individually as many employees as he would like to. When the Company first started, it was a simple matter to call across the room to the winders, or other workers, Mr. Sprague said. Now, that is no longer possible, and so the *Log* was introduced to keep the employees informed about the many departments, and to keep them up-to-date on Company history and progress. Mr. Sprague thanked each and every *Log* reporter for his contribution toward making the *Log*—AND The Sprague Specialties Company—a success!



Sprague XXX Condenser comes to life with the lively song "Put Your Arms Around Me Honey", sung convincingly by Doris Tyler.

Fred Windover-Toastmaster

Fritz Windover was Toastmaster for the Sprague *Log* dinner. His remarks for introducing each speaker were entirely extemporaneous, witty and entertaining—and as a well-behaved toastmaster's remarks should be—brief and to the point. From the time he acted as Toastmaster on the Radio program of the "Before Dinner Speeches" until the end of the banquet speaking and the appearance of the XXX condenser when he introduced Toastmaster Haskins, Fred kept things moving at a lively tempo—and insured the meeting of being a success from start to finish!

W. W. Dooling - Postmaster

The guest speaker for the *Log* banquet was Mr. W. W. Dooling, Postmaster of the North Adams Post Office department. Mr. Dooling paid tribute to the Sprague organization for taking up the employment slack; for the important role the Company can play in the future in the Berkshires as a leader in the electronics field and for the amiable and cooperative relations existing between the U. S. Postoffice and the Sprague Specialties Company. It was indeed, a privilege to have Mr. Dooling as our guest speaker.

Larry Haskins - Roastmaster

To Larry Haskins went the unique task of being "Roastmaster" at the *Log* banquet. Mr. Haskins did a thorough job. He started with the Head of the Sprague Specialties Company and finished with the bus boy of the banquet. To his credit, it can be said that his roasting was smart, but did not leave any burns. His spotlight oration of the evening would put any Demosthenes to shame, featuring the presentation to Mr. Sprague of the mammoth XXX condenser.

Introduces New Specialty

The condenser, over six feet tall, was wheeled in by Larry Haskins and Assistant Roastmaster Marvin Williams. A crash of music by Mrs. Pauline Hobson—and the condenser came to life! Bursting through the condenser wall, stood Mrs. Doris Tyler, lovely in a black evening gown, and singing "Put Your Arms Around Me Honey." The condenser was wheeled up to the speakers' table, in front of Mr. Sprague, and the song went into an encore. This Sprague "Specialty" condenser was the hit of the evening and Mr. Sprague seemed very pleased, saying that he could sell a million more XXX's if he had them in stock!

Mrs. W. G. Roberts Speaks at Log Banquet

Mrs. W. G. Roberts, Proprietress of the Excelsior Printing Company in North Adams, spoke for the representatives of her company who proof-read, print, fold and mail the *Log*. Both serious and witty she recalled that her mother must have been well acquainted with Mr. Frank J. Sprague, father of our President, Mr. R. C. Sprague, because they were both in the same class in school in North Adams many years ago. She remembered very well her mother speaking of Frank Sprague. And Mrs. Roberts added that in those days there were only seven or eight pupils in each class. Mr. Sprague in his talk returned the compliment and thanked Mrs. Roberts for her delightful talk to the group and her company for their excellent service in producing the *Log*.

Fred Crosier - Photomaster

Hats off to Fred Crosier for the excellent pictures he took at the *Log* banquet! If it had not been for Fred, we would never have made the Transcript columns with a picture. Randy, of the Transcript had a run of bad luck with his shots and called on Fred Wednesday morning to borrow Fred's picture. Fred dashed out, developed his plate, printed the picture and got it back to the Transcript office for the afternoon edition. Good work and thanks!

Richmond Hotel Management Presents Harry Norring's Orchestra

A surprise event on the *Log* Banquet program was the announcement that the Richmond Hotel had contributed a group of Harry Norring's orchestra for the evening's dancing. This complimentary and highly appreciated gesture of good will added greatly to a schedule already sparkling with unexpected highlights. Just another important milestone in the splendid spirit of cooperation and thoughtfulness which is evident between the Sprague organization and the community.

Gattuso Built Condenser

That mammoth XXX condenser which played such an important part in the *Log* banquet was made by Hank Gattuso of Mica Lab., Brown Street. It was a most unusual type of condenser everyone agreed—and the sign above the speakers' table was also Hank's art. Mr. Gattuso is versatile in his work, and has made many signs around the Plants which are unique. Watch for more of his work—it's worth seeing!

"Get Acquainted" Gathering of 70 Reporters, Editors, Printers, Engravers, Artists and Photographers Proves Big Success

From the minute that Toastmaster Windover said "Ladies and Gentlemen Be Seated" until the strains of Home Sweet Home floated through the Blue Room at twelve midnight, the first annual banquet was a memorable event. Preceding the dinner the after-dinner speeches were delivered on the Sprague Radio program at 5:15 over WBRK.

Larry Madison is Maestro

During an excellent minimum—ration-point dinner served by the Richmond Hotel, Master of Ceremonies, Larry Madison besides singing two solos himself, introduced musical numbers by Miss Claire Maxwell, Miss Marie Lemieux and Mrs. Edna-mae Burnett, all accompanied by Mrs. Pauline Hobson which were well received.

These numbers plus group songs lifted the diners to competitive heights, and before you knew it the Personnel Dept. was up front with a quintet, (or was it a trio?) that set the crowd in a merry mood for the entire evening.

Nothing daunted, the diners called for other groups and finally for the head table to come down front and carry on. You can see by the pictures that everyone entered into the spirit of the occasion. Other paragraphs on this page will tell you about some of the happenings, but what we'd like to emphasize here is the way this large group, representing nearly all the departments of the company, were soon all well acquainted and having a grand, good time.

Although practically everyone present has near relatives in the service and realizes the seriousness of the times, we believe that it pays for us all, who are working intensely and seriously on war production and war activities, to get together now and then in a spirit of good comradeship and relaxation. Then we can go back to the job with a better understanding of one another, and with a greater determination to put our shoulders to the wheel in a common, united effort to do our utmost at Sprague's to win the war.



The Personnel Trio do Their Stuff. Jack Washburn, Marion Caron, and Marvin Williams.

Overheard At The Log Banquet

by Mary Mathews

Hasn't he a powerful voice!...His legs seem to be made of rubber—somehow they fascinate me as he swings his partner over the floor...I always have fun in a Conga line...It's raining cats and dogs!...Oh, goody! Will you get me a puppy?...I've always wondered how smooching was done in the Jungle...Next to Bing Crosby, I think I like his tenor voice best...I am getting tired from laughing so much, so I better get home...I have had one of the pleasantest evenings in some time!

Editor Calls Teamwork Keynote of Log Progress

Speaking at the *Log* Banquet, Mr. Whitten praised all reporters and editors for their teamwork in building the new *Log* to its present proportions. He welcomed the new reporters to the staff. At the same time he said that the greatest appreciation was due to both Miss Etta Owen and Miss Mary Avery for their work and helpful criticism ever since the *Log* was founded in August, 1938. Editor Whitten impressed on his audience the fact that the entire staff, through the *Log*, has an opportunity to serve the entire Sprague organization, developing a deep sense of community loyalty and cooperation, both within and outside of the plants.

CANDID CAMERA CLICKS HEADTABLE AD LIB



At the Speakers' Table—Far left: Larry Haskins, Evelyn Fairchild, Mollie Avery, W. W. Dooling, President R. C. Sprague, Toastmaster Fred Windover, Editor E. S. Whitten, Etta Owen, Mrs. W. G. Roberts, and Marvin Williams.

IMPROMPTU QUARTET SINGS "SMILES"



Sweet Harmony—Produced by Ed Whitten, Mollie Avery, Fritz Windover and R. C. Sprague.

SPORTS COLUMN . . .

Basketball Notes

The Academy team to date, has won three games and taken the lead in the Northern Berkshire Amateur Basketball League. The team is playing a steady brand of ball and looks like a sure winner. The losers to the Academy are as follows: The Saints from Adams, Lincoln Aces and Hi-Y of North Adams.

The Saints, after losing to the Academy in the initial game, dropped out of the League and the Gevaert team from Williamstown have taken their place. Ralph Boisjolie, "Toots" Bergeron, Bob Garner, Paul Fitzpatrick, Jack McDonald—all Sprague employees are a smooth functioning outfit on any court. Coach Buck Bullett of Factory Engineering is laughing up his sleeve at your sports-writer who picked St. Stanislaus as the outstanding team of the League. Buck has taken a lot of time and I will have to give him credit for turning out a winner.

The upset of the year in scholastic basketball was provided by St. Joseph's High of North Adams—a team whose previous exhibitions left much to be desired in conquering the most formidable Williamstown High team in a decade. St. Joe's, with Everett Unis of the Block Annex playing an important role defeated the college towners 32-30 and thus turned what was a runaway race into what should be one of the tightest pennant races in many years.

Much credit should be given to Coach Danny Hawthorn for his team's victory against such great odds. Wishing him and his team success in their future schedule of games—

I remain
Yours in Sports
Walt Carpenter

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Reply To M. T. Noggin

To the Editor of the Sprague Log:

Noggin's letter touches on what is for me a very sensitive point—women's slacks.

I like them. In fact, I never would have picked my wife without first seeing her in that all-revealing garment which developed from the fertile brain of the late lamented Mrs. Bloomer.

The real difference between the conventional dress and slacks is this: A girl is poured into a dress; the slacks are gathered about her. I say "gathered" advisedly—and if you have ever seen fishermen pull in the corners of a heavily laden net, you know just what I mean.

Dresses rapidly become out-of-date; slacks—never! For slacks will permit, nay, encourage, ALL developments. Slacks are purposely designed with adequate allowance for any contingency. Never, to my best knowledge, has man ever heard the agonized rip of an over-taut slack seat. Those seats will stretch and s-t-r-e-t-c-h to the uttermost; and, having so stretched, will still be baggy.

Your poets may rave about the sound of soft wind among the poplar leaves, but give me the sensuous swish of corduroy slacks. Any time.

What color? Well—a vista green would be just about right.

Archibald Magoon
Editorial note:—Agonized rip, eh? What about the embarrassed Oh-h-h-h of the lady in 'em?

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Herman Gaule—No. 6144720, now stationed at the Air Base at Murco, Calif., writes that he is lonesome. How about sending him a letter and cheering him up? Especially his old gang in the Beaver Maintenance Dept.

by Ken Russell

It is with a keen sense of delight and pleasure that I begin this column on sports! We have before us in this winter season for sports, bowling, basketball, skiing, skating, etc.

Turning to bowling first, we find the Sprague Bowlers in some fine matches. At present, the hottest team in the league is the Machine Shop. This team took three points from a scrappy K-V-A outfit, then they lowered the colors of the Formation team who were winners of the first half of the league. In their recent match, the Machine Shop boys defeated the Lunch Room in a bitterly-close contest. Their next rivals are the up-and-coming Lab.

We also have in the plants, a couple of outstanding girl bowlers. The foremost pinner, (incidentally one who can beat many of the fellows) and who has the distinction of being the only girl to compete in the fast-stepping Dusty League is Angie Baker employed at the Marshall Plant. This girl can really flatten those maples. The other girl is Peg Mancuso of the Brown St. Payroll Office, who is bowling in the Italian Girls' League. She anchors the Gliders in this league. No doubt there are others who are worthy of mention so let's hear who they are.

Many fans must be interested in the Northern Berkshire Basketball League where the High Schools are in a real ding-dong battle for the pennant. The Williamstown High five after stepping through the league with seven straight games on the winning side of the ledger have been rudely set back on their heels with three startling defeats, falling before Pittsfield, N. A. St. Joseph, and recently, Adams. The standings at this date find Adams and Pittsfield in a tie for the top with Williamstown a game behind.



-- And Just Between Us Gals!

Saucy Sue's boy friend was heard to observe: The modern mother is a woman who holds a cigarette in one corner of her mouth and a safety pin in the other! ... And speaking of the newest generation, we hear that Bill Mendell has offered his services as nurse maid to any young mother who craves a few hours' relaxation at skating, sliding, or such—away from the care of feedings and squawks and three-cornered pants. ... Sh-h-h—What is Bill going to do with all the money he takes in? ... Oh, that's easy! There's still a war on, you know, and extra bonds to buy. ... What everybody wonders is whether teacher has been raising Cain with his new pupils? ... Didn't you enjoy the quartets at the Log banquet.... especially John's solo ... But which John do you mean? ... two of them performed! ... Well, anyway, nothing can hold a candle to the Cannibal King performance.... and as for men in general (just to take a slap at the little remark of Sue's boy friend) us gals observe that: Men are just what women marry—they have two hands, two feet and two eyes, but NEVER do they have more than \$1.00 in their pockets or more than one idea at a time! !

An Open Letter to the Editor of the LOG

Editor of the Sprague Log:

Dear Sir:

I am taking the liberty of making the following suggestions in regard to the radio log broadcasts, the ideas of which are derived from talking with several disinterested parties who have heard the programs.

We have in the three Sprague plants a great deal of talent, instrumental and vocal. Why could not some concerted effort be made to mold this talent into a unit?

Why, for instance, not bring together an orchestra consisting of musicians working in the three plants. Give the directorship to a capable leader, one of which we have working at the Brown St. Plant and who is really interested. I refer to G. Maroni. I have worked under him in both band and orchestra.

In conjunction with the above mentioned organization build a chorus of male and female voices from which could be derived several vocal combinations as well as soloists.

You should readily see the vast possibilities of such an organization from an entertainment standpoint and I am sure that the radio listening public would react favorably to it. And further, I sincerely believe that such a program would go to create a closer feeling of good fellowship as well as popularizing the name of Sprague in the business world.

And last, why not print in the Log two duplicate questionnaires to find the type of program the general public in this and surrounding communities prefer. I suggest two questionnaires so that recipients of the Log may fill a questionnaire out for themselves and pass the other on to someone else so as to get a more general picture.

I sincerely trust that these suggestions will be received with the same good will with which I submit them.

Yours truly,

Eugene C. Pyke

P.S.—I should be very gratified to see correspondence on this subject published from other readers.

In Reply to Gene Pyke's Letter

Ed. Note:—Mr. Pyke's letter following so closely on our "Notice" in the last Log leads us to believe that there is a wide current interest in developing talent both instrumental as well as vocal, particularly in groups.

For some months, as indicated in the "Notice", an informal committee has been developing the idea of a male chorus and also an orchestra. It was the thought that when the groups had grown to a substantial size, they would then select their own leaders and officers. As Mr. Pyke suggests that the development of such musical groups could readily bring to light a large amount of varied talent. His idea of publishing a questionnaire being along much the same line as announced in the "Notice" we believe the two ideas can be combined. Further correspondence will be welcome though we can not guarantee to publish it all.

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Then Came the Dawn

Cpl. E. J. LaFramboise Writes "From Somewhere in Georgia"

Under date of January 27, 1944, Cpl. E. J. LaFramboise writes from Headquarters Fort Sorensen, Ga., and takes us through the trials and tribulations of a soldier from the moment he falls out of bed to the tune of the shrill whistle of the modern reveille, falls in for roll call and finally falls out for first chow.... Thanks for the peppy letter and good luck to you, Ernie!

Two Marshall Street Girls Enter Marines

Jean Whitney of the Gas Mask Office and Daisy Dabrowski, of Final Inspection, have just returned from Boston where they took the oath of the U. S. Women's Marine Corps. They are now awaiting call to active duty. The Department will be a strange place without them.... But what is Marshall's loss, is the Marine Corps' gain. Success to you!

Vincent Bartholdi, formerly of Block Test, and now in the Navy, has been promoted to third class Petty Officer.

Corporal Frank James Jr. now stationed in the Air Corps, visited the Plant recently. Completing his course at Harlingen, Texas, Frank has achieved his wings as an aerial gunner. After his furlough, Frank will be stationed at Fresno, Calif.

Stanley Janick of the Block Test dept. was inducted into the Navy. He left January 26 for his new duties.



Sidney W. Richardson, son of Sidney, Sr. of Machine Shop, Marshall. Enlisted day after graduation from Drury High.

Stay With The Job - -

Pvt. Sidney Richardson with the Army Air Corps, stationed at Amarillo Field, Texas, writes his father, Sidney, Sr., of the Machine Shop, Marshall Street. Sidney Jr. is just 19 years old and has been chosen Crew Chief of his Flight Command.

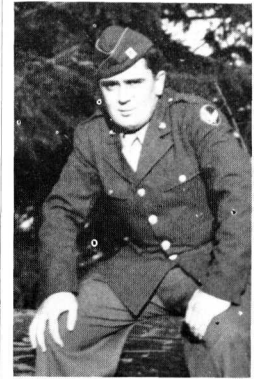
Dear Folks:

Thought I would let you know how I am coming along. I really am getting along swell, and am making very good grades. We are on engines now and it is supposed to be the toughest bunch in the whole school—an average of eighty is thought to be a very good grade. Well, at present, I have over a ninety average and only a few more days to go. I hope I can keep up the good work. Let me tell you, Dad, you certainly have given me some good pointers. I have been following them all through, too. For example, clean up when I finish with tools; wipe them off when I finish; keep my eyes and ears open; help the other fellows, and always be on the alert. I haven't forgotten them, and I never will. If I have a job that looks tough and hopeless, I keep right on with it 'til I get it. I hope I will get a chance to go to engine specialists school when I finish here. Who knows? Another thing, I think I have really changed a lot. I used to gripe at home over nothing at all, but no kidding, I really don't care how tough things are now, as I know I can only do my best at it—that's what I try to do.

If anyone up there gripes because they can't get new tires, just tell them that a bomber can only land fifteen times on a set of tires, then they have to be replaced. Honestly, I really am learning a lot!

Sid.

Thank You Letter



Robert Flanagan of Pittsfield, now in Italy.

The following letter and picture were sent to Mr. Flanagan of Pittsfield, from his son stationed in Italy. He has received cigarettes from Sprague Cigarette Fund:

Note: This is the second letter the Committee has received from Pittsfield. Names of other men who have received cigarettes from the Sprague Cigarette Fund are:

Somewhere in Italy

"I was very much thrilled on Christmas morning to receive a package containing cigarettes, donated by the Sprague Specialties Co. of North Adams, Massachusetts. It sure made me feel that I would like to be there, and I certainly was grateful. I would like very much to have you acknowledge same, and tell these people what a fine thing they are doing "for us boys."

Pvt. Robert Flanagan
AOP-528, 1035 Co. Signal Corps,
c/o Postmaster, New York, N. Y.

Other Letters

Letters of appreciation have been received from the following soldiers: Sgt. R. A. Gaffney in the Aleutians; Pvt. Jerry Campile, also in the Aleutians; from the patients of the hospital of Company D, 51st Medical Co., somewhere in Italy; Sgt. Robert Williams, Sgt. James Brown, Lt. Jack Barnes, all serving in Italy. Next Log will publish further letters from servicemen who have received cigarettes.



"Admiral Dewey" Fields, formerly of Machine Shop.

TYNDALL FIELD, Jan. 8.

There's an admiral at Tyndall Field! He's student gunner Admiral Fields, Jr., and he's a private in the Army Air Forces.

Born at North Adams, Mass., Pvt. Fields was, prior to induction, a machinist. Married and the father of a daughter, Fields has been in the service since August 4 of last year.

Upon graduation from Flexible gunnery school, Fields will be promoted to the grade of sergeant, obtain his wings, and will do his share in raining defeat on the Axis powers.

★ NEWS From Our Workers In Service ★



Pvt. Raymond Brouillett, stationed at Camp Bowie, Texas is the brother of Ruth, of Networks.



Linwood Morse, Jr., of U.S.M.C. stationed in Hawaii. His father, Linwood Sr. is a Guard at Brown Street.

Jim Dillon Arrives Overseas

January, 1944

Hello Gang:

Well, here I am over in North Africa. It is a nice sort of place. I am near a big city, but am not allowed to reveal its name. I went to the Red Cross Club here and saw a few names of boys who worked in the plant. How are things back in the States? I hope all is O.K. with my friends in the plant. Well, I will close, hoping to receive word from some of my friends.

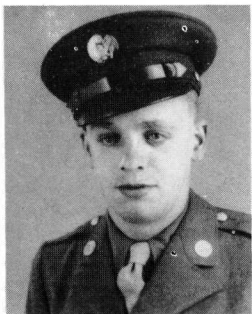
Take care —

Jim Dillon, Jr.
A.S.N. 11107976
A.P.O. 12631-B
c-o N. Y. City Postmaster

The Accetta brothers, Anthony, formerly of Impregnating, and Patrick, formerly in Stockroom, are both in the Navy! Anthony, who returned home after serving 14 months in the Aleutians and Solomons, discovered that Pat had joined the Navy while he was still overseas. Their sister, Doris, works in the Register Dept.



Pfc. Stanley Dzierga somewhere in England, brother of Josephine of B.T.A.



James F. Dillon in Army Air Corps, somewhere in Africa, formerly worked at the Beaver Plant. He is the son of Edith of the Assembly Dept.



A-S Mathew Wronski, stationed at Santa Anna, Calif., brother to Jessie of Networks and Regina of Dry Rolling.

To Machine Shop Gang:

Hi Fellows:

Just received the cigarettes sent some time since. Thanks a lot from a lad in the E.T.O. Smokes and sweets are strictly rationed items here, but otherwise I am finding England O.K. Have quite a lot of time to tour the United Kingdom and I'm seeing all I can of it before my return to the States. Sure would like to drop in on you as I did last September. Army life is all right, but at times one realizes that war is indeed all that Sherman stated, and more too.

Am living in a Nissen Hut this winter—it's quite comfortable, but I'd not recommend it as a permanent home. Have visited a number of English cities and have had lots of fun. Am billeted with a gang of fine boys and hope I stay with them for the duration. Enjoy the copies of the Log. Makes me feel closer to home to read of the doin's. Keep it coming to me, at the address on the envelope. Thanks again for the smokes, and I'll be seein' you.

As ever,
Larry Ladd

Glad To Receive News

Dear Friends:

Thought I would drop you a line and let you know I got the Log this week. Boy! It feels good to receive news from the old place, especially when you're out here in the woods. At present, I am on Louisiana maneuvers. It sure does rain down in this country. Well, I'll say so long, and give my regards to K.V.A.

Pfc. Edward Lauzon

Jan. 17, 1944

Dear Miss Owen:

I was greatly surprised when we came in from "drill" to receive your copy of Sprague's Victory Log. We haven't been able to read any newspapers and your Log proved to be of interest to all these girls. I can't express my thanks enough to you for sending me the Log.

We graduate Saturday and, I have been assigned to an advanced Sgt's school, so I will send you my change of address. In closing, I would only like to add that this military life is very difficult but most interesting. Our Reserve is being filled readily, and will be closed to new "boots" when we reach our quota. The head of our Reserve is Colonel Arthur, who has been in action for two years in Guadalcanal, and the West Pacific. He is most interesting and has been recommended by General McArthur.

Well, so long pals, and remember, speedy work on the home front means a speedy return of our boys. Thanks again for everything, and I extend my very best wishes to all, especially the personnel of Paper Rolling, Norman Chenail and William Davis.

Sincerely,

Florence Sartori



Pvt. Edward A. Clifton formerly in Impregnating, is now stationed at Camp Bowie, Texas.

V-Letter

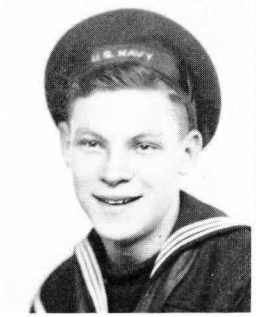
"Somewhere in the Pacific."

c-o Postmaster, San Francisco

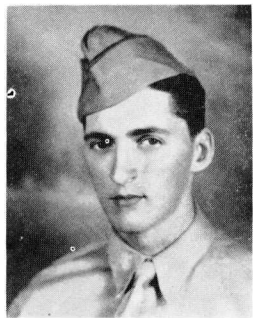
Dear Fellow Workers:

I just received my copy of the Log and oh boy! was I pleased to know that my former fellow workers are putting everything into it for Victory. That made me feel very good to know that all of you are behind us. I just moved from New Hebrides to the place where I am now located, but I cannot tell you where that is. The following is my new address: Pvt. W. Kaczowski, 31212879, Battery G, 276th Sep. C.A. Bn, 'HD' c-o Postmaster, San Francisco. So long and good luck to you all.

Pvt. William Kaczowski



Clarence Vincelette, Seaman I-c, formerly of Industrial Oils, and son of Helen of Block Annex.



Pvt. Elvert LaBree, brother of Phyllis St. Cyr of Boxing, and Sybil of Block Test.



Cpl. Domenick A. Vecellio, brother of Adele Solari of Block Test.

Anticipates "Log"

Dear Sir,

I've been receiving the Sprague Log for the last eight or nine months and I want to thank you and the rest of the department for sending them. I enjoy them very much. I read them from cover to cover.

I want to notify you that I have a change of address so please send the Log to my new address. I keep looking forward each month for the Log and it certainly is appreciated. I have been over here almost nineteen months and it's good to receive news from my home city. I haven't met anyone here from North Adams in my place yet. The country is beautiful with its old castles and Cathedrals dating back before B.C.

In my spare time I have a hobby of collecting old coins. I have quite a collection now.

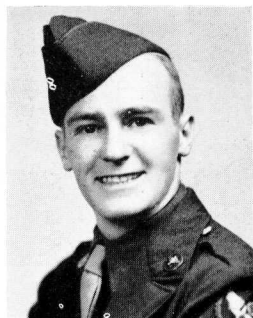
Thanking you and the staff for the Log, I used to work in the Dry Rolling Department.

Sincerely,

Pfc. Angelo Corbosiero

Pvt. Jack Gigliotti, formerly of Mica Department, has arrived overseas, according to word received here. He is with the surveying engineers, and received training at Camp Wheeler, Ga., and Ft. Ord, Calif.

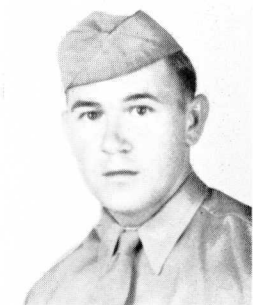
Wave Helena Sutton, former Check Inspector, has been spending a furlough at her home, after her graduation as a third class petty officer, January 21, at Stillwater, Okla. She expects to leave for Washington, D. C.



Cpl. Frank James, formerly worked in Bathtub Assembly. His wife, Kathleen is in Dry Test.



Donald Finlayson, son of Doris of Impregnating, was recently made 2nd Lieutenant. Received training at Selman Field, Ga., and now scheduled for advanced navigation.



Robert Duprey with Army Engineers at Ft. Bragg, S. C. Bob was formerly in Industrial Oils, Brown Street.



Pvt. Arlene Greene, formerly of Gas Mask Dept.

Beaver Street Bits

Maintenance Malarkey

For Instance... Dan Kelly hasn't been writing poetry lately... What's the matter, Dan, no inspiration? Art Giroux snapped his own picture the other day while looking at Carl Perry's camera. Didn't know there was any film in it. We're all waiting for the result.

Maurice Chonard claims that he's the ORIGINAL PIN UP BOY. Yeah, Safety Pin!

George (Pop) Grant has taken to practicing the Wolves Howl... At his age "It Don't Mean a Thing". But we love you just the same, Pop.

After mumbled all week long about Tipups, bait and whatnot, Carl Perry and Mials Robson went fishing through the ice, Sunday, and didn't even get a nibble... Tough Luck, Boys.

The reason C.P.'s going around with that satisfied grin is that what with all the new offices being built, everyone's coming down to take a look at how his is arranged... We don't blame him... It is pretty nice.

Apparently the boys can't make up their minds as to their favorite Pin-Up Girl (Real Life)... It seems to be a tie between T.M. of the Planning Dept. and I.B. of Check Inspection.

Doris Benedetti's so elated over becoming an Aunt that we had to send her a message by Carrier pigeon every time we wanted her... She's so far up in the clouds.

The gang was delighted to see George Forgea who came visiting while home on furlough from the Navy.

"Something new has been added" to rest. Welcome to Danny Cermanskas, formerly of Brown Street—and does Western Electric think he's nice!

Boxing and Drys

by Urbano and Farinon

Welcome back, Flossie, to the crowd.

Who is the shy boy who keeps all the girls' jaws a-moving with gum? The girls extend their "Jawful" thanks. Boxing department girls are trying out for an audition with Frank Sinatra, how about it — Vera and Pat?

Flash! The Boxing department has been made over into a beauty salon. Our new operator is Lil Boyer.

The girls of the department enjoyed a delicious Chop Suey supper at the home of Lil Boyer. Nice going, Lil—we all enjoyed it.

The girls from the Dry Rolling department enjoyed a sleighride on February 3rd, and had a most enjoyable time. Arrangements for the ride were made with Milton Spencer.

Here's a new one! Thelma Russett of Boxing persuades her fellow workers that it is actually possible to get a black eye from falling down stairs. It seems that she was going down the stairs, and — Oh, have her tell you the rest!

Paper Rolling News

By Alice O'Brien

Margaret Lambert and Virginia Piaggi spent a few days in New York City. Sorry girls. It had to end sometime!

Eva Daldess had one grand time meeting her husband on a 18 hr. leave. They finally met.

I hear Ronny singing, "I'm always thinking of you, Margie."

Millie Forgea's husband was home on a furlough. Now he's back resting up. Nice going.

Watching Harold Caron and Bill Davis bowl is certainly something. Call it "all or nothing at all."

Why doesn't someone ask Mary Zapponi where "Elmer" is?

Sara Candiloro, Alice Scrivens, Eleanor Quirk, and Grace Jillson went on a sleigh ride. They spent the evening at Milton Spencer's cottage. Refreshments and dancing were enjoyed by all. We missed you, Eleanor, Saturday.

Tillie's brother Sgt. "Lic" is in New Guinea. Did I hear someone say Australia?

Janet Roy's husband is home on a furlough. And is she in her glory! Janet did you say, tall - dark - and "so" handsome. We agree.

Before punching out at two-thirty the first in line is — Bill Davis.

Networks

by Lucy De Fazio

We are proud of the development of our department from a very small room to a large, light, restricted area.

And thanks to Harry Barschdorf for his fine work in the laboratory; to Oliver Ledger, our ambitious foreman; to Paul Teeple, our little genius; to Millie Lavoie and Phyllis Ziemlak as good supervisors; and to all the rest of our industrial employees. May we all keep aiming for Victory!

Lorraine Van Steenburg and her husband enjoyed a week end in New York City.

Mary Martin was the first in this department to purchase a \$100.00 bond, and Mary Girard a \$50 bond. And congratulations to an investment with consideration.

Was that a twinkle in Jessie's eye when a certain soldier visited our department? Mrs. Agnes Chesbro's son, Warren Phynue is now stationed in Camp Blanding, Fla. He was formerly employed in the Shipping department.

Mrs. Ellen McManus just returned from her vacation. How is Pittsfield, Nellie?

Since Cedo Remillard did not show up at the Log dinner, poor John Walsh had to take care of FOUR women. You did all right, John!



Bathtub Assembly News

by Thelma Boulter

We have found your match, Fran. She will take a challenge any day of the week — isn't that so, Jessie?

If anyone has seen a man with a moustache as in the olden days (you know—Handlebars) please notify Ann of B.T.A.

Frank Sinatra No. 2—our stock clerk, Bob. When HE sings, the girl at the desk simply swoons with emotion. Join the contest, Bob, and give all the girls a break!

Arthur Taylor of B.T.A. went to Williamsburg, Mass., over the week end. Mrs. Rena Soula spent the weekend in Hartford, Conn.

Laura Cross has just returned after a visit with her husband. He is stationed at Camp Campbell, Ky. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Busby!

Marjorie Bunting Honored

A dinner in honor of Miss Marjorie Bunting who is to be married soon to Aviation Cadet Fred Foster, was held Friday, February 4, at the Richmond Hotel. Girls from the Beaver Street offices attended. Marjorie, who works in the Cost Department was presented with a sum of money.

Impregnating News

by Angie Langer

WANTED — One Page Boy! Jo Boscetti swears that the next time she has a confession to make, she is going to be paged so as to be sure someone is listening. You are fined, Jo—30 days for talking to yourself!

Production certainly has "hepped up" since our 1944 "Pin-up Girl" has been presented to the department. There is only one drawback—she just won't put her "best foot forward."

Tillie is thinking seriously about selling Life Insurance. She has a "special" policy. But before trying it, Tillie—see that you have plenty for yourself.

We understand a certain Marine is saying it with roses. We wonder who will be next, Norma?

Word from Louis Pedercine Seaman 1-e tells us he has been assigned to a ship and ready to sail the seven seas.

Pvt. Al Boucher who visited us recently is now transferred from Texas to Johnson Field, N. C.

We are happy to have Dan Mills and Joe Bresa back with us again.

Front Office

by Helene Meacham

Jane Gordon liveded things up for the Office crowd by giving a party at her home and, boy, what a party! Yours truly was unable to attend but will certainly be at the next one. There will be a next one, won't there, Jane?

A supper was held at the Richmond Grill for Wilmer Bradford (Sales) which extended into the wee hours. When women get together how the time flies!

I know why the Bryce sisters go home at noon. It isn't for anything so crude as a warm lunch! It's... Sorry, you've just told me I mustn't tell.

We're going to miss Jerry Trabold but are really glad she can go to the "City of Opportunity." New York isn't quite as nice as Boston — we've been told — but, anyway, come back with an accent, Jerry, and won't we have fun!

Buenos Dies! Pauline Morrissey—hear you are enjoying that Spanish course. Can you spell the teacher's name for sure?

P.S. The bowling team hasn't quit. It's just resting.

N.B. How about some news from you?

Production Engineering

by Hazel Goodale

Members of the Production Engineering Department extend their sincere sympathy to Howard Sherman in his recent bereavement. His mother passed away suddenly at her home in Clarksburg on February 1st.

Now that we of the Engineering Department have established ourselves in newly-expanded quarters, and have made ourselves at home, we are happy to welcome to the Specifications Department: Betsy Haskins, formerly of Check Inspection; Pearl Benedetti, whose husband Rudy is in the Army Air Corps; Emma Underwood, formerly of Resistor Sample Lab.; Marion Belding who comes from Drury.

And to the Mechanical Drafting Department, we welcome William Kirby, Jr. who comes here after Drury Trade School hours are over; and Robert Garner, formerly of the U. S. Army.

The new mode of wearing one each of two pairs of something is fast becoming an established custom — she is a member of long standing in this department — and does it with earrings. But think to what lengths this could come!

Condolences to our two loving Lenas. Pat says she inadvertently turned her ankle—and Mary Jane seems to have bad breaks tagging at her heels for some time.

Production Office Observances

by A 'n L

Some people went to the Log for refreshment, or dancing, — but — after viewing the photo in the Transcript, there was no question but that Fritz went to eat! Right?

Rachel Bongioliatti, formerly of the Production Scheduling, is visiting her husband at Camp Pickett, Va. Rachel's husband has very recently been commissioned a first Lieutenant.

We think that "Walt" should take Vitamin "B" Complex for those colds of his.

Welcome to the Production Office Gang, Howard Cargny!

Helen Krypton, formerly of the Engineering Dept., has accepted a position in the Treasury Department, Washington, D. C. Good luck to you in your new endeavor, Helen.

Florence Southgate, a former member of the Employment Office staff, is now employed in the Production Control Office.

Irving Toupeuce, formerly of Payroll, is now a member of the Material Control staff.

Eleanor Blair's exuberance is due to the fact that her husband, Pvt. James Blair, is home on a ten-day furlough.

Best wishes from the "Gang" to Marie-Rose (Rose Marie).

Scaman 2-c Robert, and Sgt. Allen McPherson were recent visitors at the Beaver. They are the sons of Mrs. Flora Potter, formerly of Payroll Dept.

Sample Department

Mrs. Mary Troia spent the week end in New York City visiting relatives. Oh yes! The latest topic in the Sample Lab. is Chi-Chi.

We are very glad to have Doris Dominick working with us — She is quite a kid.

Josephine Girgenti of Cost Department spent a few days in Boston.

This report has not been confirmed, but the news flash just came through that if Verna Lamore collects twenty-five more cans, she'll be a Sergeant in the Tin Cannoneers of America! Does Fran Crosier know that Betty Alderman sent a valentine to Raymond?

Western Electric

by Bernice Owczarski

It is "shocking" the way Mae Beaubien fell off her chair, and on the floor, the other day... Such a big fall, for such a little girl. Better keep on your rubber gloves, Mae — that is what they are for!

The well-known "Key-Man" of the Western Electric is now called "Timber". If anyone would like to know the reason for the change of name—just ask Irene Burke... and if you don't believe her, just ask to see "Sliver". A good, idea, don't you think—Irene?

Peggy St. Pierre now sells bananas for 50c a lb. so that she can buy a new pair of eye glasses with the profits. SOON—maybe not today—but soon, Oliver Richards Jr. and his father will have a try at the Maxwell House Coffee program. So far, the only two words that are ever heard while they are conversing are: "Daddy" and "Why?" Good luck and happy days, boys.

Machine Shop News

The Machine Shop Quartet turned out to be a TRIO with Betty Bourdon of Beaver, Lucy Fazio of Networks, Beaver, and Sidney Richardson of Marshall St. doing the number!

When Henry Koloc was informed that he was the Daddy of another baby BOY, he was warmly cheered by the Machine Shop boys—Congratulations, Mr. and Mrs. Koloc.

"Am I Hungry" Lanoue asks "Pec-wee" Gigliotti to have "Snow Shoe" Chase tell him how he floored the Champion Wrestler.

Rita Siciliano plays only the violin. One moment please, while she trys her strings.

Some of the girls received quite a thrill to see Sidney Richardson, the Marshall Street reporter smoking cigarettes. Usually, he smokes a 'big black cigar.

THINGS THAT HAPPEN ONCE IN A LIFETIME --

Cedo Remillard passes up a free feed! !



Dry Test

by Vi Short

The employees of Dry Test Department express their deepest sympathy to Laura Rivard because of the loss of her son Leon, who was a former co-worker of this Department.

Nice seeing Doris Rondeau back at work.

As I understand it, Norman Remillard is quite the ice skater when he isn't down!

Wonder what Regina Gagne is doing these days?

If Roy Cook wouldn't run out of gas, the little red marks wouldn't be there!

John Puppulo enjoys dancing Saturday nights at the Blue Room—especially Polish hops!

Mrs. Eloise Filiault celebrated her birthday January 25. Many happy returns!

The chief, John Pierce was slightly fished this morning. He only put away two egg sandwiches, apple pie a la mode, a chocolate éclair and two huge cups of coffee. Wonder what he does when he really gets down to eating? (Don't come up to my house, John, we're being rationed!)

Eloise Filiault was guest of honor at a party and dinner given by hostess Ann Downey of Dry Test. Invited guests were members of the Inspection table. Eloise was presented with a corsage of flowers and many appropriate gifts. Mary Markland pleased the guests by her solos.



The following advertisement appeared in the January 5th issue of the North Adams Transcript. It is one of a series, used by "Pal" Hollow Ground, Razor Blades, to tell about famous inventors and their inventions. Mr. F. J. Sprague was a native of North Adams, and father of Mr. R. C. Sprague, president of the Sprague Specialties Company. Mr. F. J. Sprague invented the first practical trolley system which was put into service in this area, and was known in the street railway field for his contributions to transportation problems.

More Beaver Bits Plating Dept. and Can Shop by Fran and Claire

Well, "Red" this time you didn't need to spend an evening with Tom Sawyer... the crowd showed up for the sleigh ride!

Claire seems to be the pin-up boys' delight... setting up one or two pins isn't hard. She tells us she misplaced her glasses.

The Can Shop's pride and joy — Russ and "Pinky" in their "barking" duets.

Welcome back, Millie — it's nice having you with us again. We think the Navy is grand too... Don't we, Fran?

PREDICTION: Two years from now, look in "Down Beat" for "Yashoo", his saxophone and yodelers. Top band of the year! The feature vocalist will be Ted R. Raymond. "Tony" disappeared for a week... was the reason — a soldier home on furlough? From all reports, Lena's brother is convalescing favorably from wounds received during his training at Camp Livingston.

Section Test by Catherine Pappas

A birthday party in the Section Test was given in honor of Carolyn Schouler on January 14 at noontime. "Cal" was also presented with a gift. The girls are still raving over the delicious potato salad Margaret Daniels made. Lucky man that marries you, Marg.

Open house, held at the home of our attractive supervisor, Charlotte Lasher, was a complete success. Charlotte, whose soprano voice is unusually pleasing, delighted her guests by singing the "Lord's Prayer". Her guests think she should sing over our radio.

What's this I hear about a few of our girls having their fortunes told in Pittsfield last week? What did you find out about yourselves, girls, that you did not already know! A toast to you, Miss Reynolds, for your long life ahead of you of ninety years. I hope Joe will live that long too, to see that you are well fed! The girls on testing all possess healthy appetites. It's amusing to see them pack away food. Now, girls, watch your diets, or Mr. Bergeron will be making out requisitions for larger chairs.

We were all highly honored when Doris Finlayson introduced us to her son, 2nd. Lieut. Donald Finlayson, when he was furloughed home.

We understand a certain Foreman is expert at reciting poetry — especially that touching poem which goes: "Starkle, starkle, little twink." Know about it, Charlie?

Our own little "Fondalayo" is with us again. Glad to see you, Norma. Where would production be, without our good looking boss? O.K. Al, reel in the line, and anyway, I tried, girls.

MARSHALL STREET "Memos"

by Ruth, Sid, Don and Daisy
It is nice to see Charlotte Stevens back in our midst. She is right on the job, efficient as ever. Are you still enjoying your fruit basket?

Alfred Falino, U. S. Navy, formerly of the Canister line, was a recent visitor at Marshall Street.

Who did the hose assembly girls vote their "Pin-up-Boy"? — Why, Jimmy, of course!

Pearl Pettibone certainly goes to town when "Pistol Packin' Mama" is played on our new sound system. Louis Haley is a close second.

Who was the glamour girl the other morning with that alluring "up-do" and ear rings? Trying to cut out the rest of us, Maud?

We thought Florence Nilles was the luckiest person we ever knew, but it seems Grace Kittredge is running a close second.

Dorothy Worthy is doing all right, too—she won a bond last week.

Congratulations to Ernest Belleau for "bringing home the bacon" in a recent quiz game on the Sprague Radio Log. We knew you could do it, Ernie!

"Art" Sheldon is feeling fine these days, but we are not sure he is happy. After all, should he become ill, he knows a pretty little nurse who could take very good care of him.

The fact that Pete Brazeau now works on the canister line interferes somewhat with his romance. But George thinks that Pete will sure find a way.

The girls in the Gas Mask Dept. went roller skating the other night. As a result, Henrietta is sporting a slightly blackened eye—the rest escaped with minor bruises.

Don says that he knows girls are fast, but still, being able to swim in ONE lesson is going some—even for Leda King and Bea Campedelli!

Burton Davis, the pipe fitter, is going to Trade School to learn how to make tool boxes. You did a pretty good job, Burt, but the next time, watch your curves.

Peter Bontempi—Night Guard at Marshall has just returned from California where he spent a few weeks with his son who was injured in an automobile accident while doing patrol duty. We extend sympathy.

Why do you suppose Ruth left the banquet so early, the night of LOG party? Gee, Ruth, no one would have told on you! Ruth's husband is overseas, you know.

They swim through the water with the greatest of ease. Those dating two girls, always anxious to please.

They're learning to swim at the Y.M.C.A.
We know they'll be expert at some future day.

Ruth Haskins

Training School

by Rita Siciliano

We are happy to know that Frances Dean is recovering.

Welcome to Marshall, "Doc" Burnham and your staff. Your new laboratory looks like something out of Good Housekeeping.

Howard Wetmore was disappointed when he found out that the "Model Room" held machinery and not the real McCoy.

Incidentally, the music is very nice, the most popular man over the sound system is Everett Brown.

Boy! Was that some party at the Blue Room for the Log reporters. I can't wait until next year—can you?

Weddings

Announcement is made of the marriage of Miss Lorraine Rougeau of Western Electric department and Mr. Raymond Lamoureux of Production Engineering at St. Francis Church, Saturday morning, February 12, 1944. Congratulations from the co-workers of their respective departments.

Miss Ethel Slater became the bride of Pte. Norman E. Cote on Saturday January 29, 1944 at the Notre Dame Church. Following the ceremony, a reception was held at the home of the bride's parents. Pvt. and Mrs. Cote left on a wedding trip after which they will make their home in Tennessee where the bridegroom is stationed. Mrs. Cote was formerly employed in the Mica Department of the Brown St. plant.

JUST ARRIVED

A girl, Judy Lee, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Busby. The father is in the Molding department, Brown Street, and mother of Bathtub Assembly.

Born, January 20, Carl Frederick to Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Wolfe. The mother, Marion, formerly worked in Tubular Assembly.

To Mr. and Mrs. Adams Novak, on January 31st a daughter Janice. Adams is in Dry Rolling and the mother Lillian, formerly worked in Block Test.

A son was born January 31st to Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Scott. Lawrence is in the Shipping Department at Marshall St. and Kathleen was formerly of Mica.

A son to Mr. and Mrs. Paul LaPlante on January 29. The mother, Pauline, formerly worked in Dry Test.

A son, born February 3, to Mr. and Mrs. Harvey DeGrenier. The proud father is foreman of Industrial Oils and the mother is Angie, formerly of Western Electric.

Richard Henry, born January 27 to Mr. and Mrs. Henry I. Koloz. The daddy is employed at the Beaver Street Machine Shop.

Gordon William, born January 19 to Rupert and Lucille Hall. Both parents work in K.V.A.

Engagements

Mr. Patrice LeSage, Mica Assembler became engaged recently to Miss Mildred Pause, not employed here. The wedding will occur in June.

Jane Roy of the Resistor department, Brown Street, announces her engagement to Bernard Brazeau stationed somewhere overseas.

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Silver Skates Derby Contestant at 61

Geraldine Rhodes, President of the N. A. Skating Club attended the Silver Skates Derby in Boston, Jan. 30th. Mr. Louis Felix, one of the Brown Street Guards who is also a member of the Skating Club, was entered in the races. He has been the oldest entrant in the Silver Skates Derby for the last five years. He is 61 years old.



Pvt. and Mrs. Raymond Derosia. The bride is the former Doris Bard of Gas Mask, Marshall Street.

BROWN STREET "BRIEFS"



Cpl. Donald Cross and wife Laura of B.T.A. Picture taken in Kentucky.

WIRE COATING—1st Shift by Lee Reese

Fourteen "Wire Coaters" and "Control" girls gathered at the Italian Gardens last Wednesday night to do honor to our departing co-workers, Eleanor Aspinall and Jo Mosher of Wire Coating, and "Gladie" Pelouquin of "Control". We had as our special guest Pte. Alice Aspinall, Fort Banks, Winthrop, Mass. (WAC).

Everyone was in good form and a good time was enjoyed. Some of our party wish to ask Emily Post: How do you subdue and devour Fried Chicken, and still retain your temper and manners? The evening was finished off with the movies and more cats.

Eva Faour has been voted President of our "Boners Club". A double "B" for you, Eva.

"Little Peg" is spending all spare minutes away in a corner practicing special "stripping technique". We mean on Wire of course.

We all missed Bill Dunn the other day. Understand he had quite a busy day, keeping house—cooking—and, yes, bathing babies. Good work Bill—don't mind us, we're just envious.

For those who might be interested, your reporter has discovered that Henry & Homer both wield a wicked mop. My, can they clean up!!

Betty Jangrow has been walking around on air these last few days. Her brother, Paul J. Silan, M.M.3-C, has been home on furlough, the first in nearly two years. He has had several months active duty in Pacific Area.

We are all wondering just why Larry Haskins has that pre-occupied look these days — Could it be a girl? We wonder—

Have a new name for Larry Weld— "Belts & Suspenders" — or is it suspense?

We are sorry to learn that "Jo" Mosher is leaving us to join her husband in Westfield. What will Nos. 16 and 17 do now?

Pete LePage is seriously considering starting a new "salvage" business. Never mind, Pete, you're saving a lot of wire.

Peg Dennis is busy these days—she is writing a book, entitled: "How to Keep the Home Fires Burning."

"Gladie" Pelouquin is leaving soon. She has been accepted at Russell Sage for Nurses Cadet Training. We'll all miss your smiles and bit of humor. "Gladie", and we all say, Good luck!

2nd Shift—By Sue Galipeau
Welcome to Antoinette Dupuis, Rita English, Stephanie Yanowski to Wire Coating. Congratulations, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Gamache on your 14th wedding anniversary. Who is the new Romeo on the 2nd shift?

WIRE COATING—3rd Shift by Mary Rosse

We have added three new members to our shift—Ella Cummings, Irene Miller and Grace Collins. Nice to have you with us, girls.

A few days ago, our Betty not knowing where her husband was—being enroute with the army somewhere, got the surprise of her life. Betty was working away intently. "Betty", someone called to her. She looked up. Yes, you guessed it—there in person stood her husband, Pvt. Zenophil Bleat!

John Heywood who left for the U. S. Maritime Service writes that he likes it very much and he sends his regards to all.

Mica Dept. News By Rhodes and Bushika

We want to thank Mr. Harry Walker for keeping Alice O'Malley of the preliminary test happy with a fresh chew of gum every morning.

Mr. and Mrs. James Dickie had a wonderful time for one week in New York City in spite of the fact they got left in a subway!

A party was held in honor of Mr. Harry Walker whose birthday was the 19th. Happy birthday, Mr. Walker from the gang at the preliminary test.

Have you ever heard of being "treated" to cake and having to pay a nickel for your piece when served? No?? It has been done in the Mica Dept.

Girls of the preliminary test and friends had a hilarious time on their sleighride the night of the 21st. A chicken dinner was served at Wenzel's Farm in Adams. Dancing and group singing was enjoyed with Miss Jerry Rhodes of the Silver Mica at the piano. Games were also played.

Is "Fitz" on a diet or did his operation change his appearance? You know Johnny Weismuller? You can have your WAVES You can have your WACS But I'll take Margie W. in a pair of slacks.

Joe Ames—Mica Dept.

Resistors - - Shipping By Eleanor Carlow

Mrs. Joyce Bombardier of Resistors, is spending a few weeks with her husband, who is stationed in Nebraska.

Out for Victory: Mary Grande—the girl on the Weller machine—is wearing Victory rubbers. Wish we had some, Mary, they are so nice and shiny!

Lorraine D.—We want to know what is keeping you up nights? Could it be the B. F., Lorraine?

We understand that Annie Mangano has signed up a contract to sing on the radio. Good luck to you, Annie!

Will someone give a helping hand to Nicholina Mancuso? She does have such a time keeping Sp. Products and Standard units separated!

What is more cheerful than Eleanor's "Hello" on her new phone!

Uncle Shadrach By Louise Bass



**HELLO GIRLS!
IT'S LEAP YEAR**
—Uncle Shadrach



Brown Street Payroll
By Irene Chouinard

Agnes' one disappointment on the night of the banquet was due to the fact that her favorite dress came back from the cleaners one size too small! ... Millie Ottman celebrated her birthday recently. Many more happy ones Mil... Peggy Mancuso again scored, not in bowling this time but in the Italian Girls' Club Minstrels... Why is Helen O'Brien blue these days? Isn't it just her luck to find herself a boy friend just as he is going overseas? Cheer up Helen, you still have your old plush... Bertha Gallese, our operator, does get a rest now and then when all the plugs are up and all she has to do is wait for someone to finish talking... Did anyone wonder where Connie Marino got the name of "Cookie"? Just pass her a box of Lorna Doones some day and see what happens... Doris Fisk is a little sick at the coming departure of her friend Jean Whitney into the Marines. Doris is taking the trip with Jean on Tuesday. I wonder why??? ... Kay Heath is saving her pennies these days. After all if she is to take the whole payroll upstreet, she must have a bigger car, or better still, a bus. As for myself, I am waiting for the next issue of the *Log* to come out, after that, who knows?

Industrial Oils Dept.

Mrs. Blanche Duquette, formerly of Ind. Oil Rolling, visited her former co-workers, Jan. 19th. Mrs. Duquette was formerly B. Lemieux. She is now making her home in St. Louis, Missouri, where her husband is stationed.

Mrs. Roberta Gamari entertained several of her co-workers of the Ind. Oil Rolling, at her home, Monday, Jan. 17th, for a delicious spaghetti dinner. According to reports Bobby knows her spaghetti. How about it, Bobby?

Miss Edna Lewis left to make her home in Detroit, Michigan, on January 19th. Miss Lewis was formerly employed in the Ind. Oil Rolling Dept. Best of luck, Edna.

K.V.A. terminal assembly on Jan. 26th enjoyed a most delicious chicken dinner, and from all appearances it seemed to be a success.

Who is the songbird of K.V.A. Cover Assembly? She should be on the Sprague's Radio Program.

Rita Murdock of K.V.A. Dept. spent a week with her husband, who is stationed at Camp Atterbury, Ind.

What do we hear about a bet between Harvey Degrenier and Romeo Scerbo? You lost, Romeo! Now keep your bet and grow a nice long beard—30 days is a L-O-N-G time!

Checking Along With The Resistors

(Winders)

Who is the girl by the name of M. B. who eats her dinner before breakfast time and no matter when you look at her you'll find Mary eating something?

Lorraine Dumoulin has a worried look on her face these days. It seems her boy friend who is in the navy is in a hospital in Philadelphia. Keep your chin up, Lorraine, all your co-workers are pulling with you.

Who is the girl that's showing all the love letters around. It seems that C. R. is getting proud of those letters. Can there be a romance brewing?

Who's the jitter bug and songstress we have in our department? The girls may razz you but keep it up, Annie, they really look forward to it every day.

We're all wondering about these little trips that M. B. and S. P. take to Albany. Steve says his sister lives there, but still they come back and talk only of cadets.

What's the attraction at the casters table? Is it love or friendship? Whatever it is, we're still guessing.

Picture Viola Scovine without some kind of a bow in her hair; Mary Scarfone with short hair; Lillian Crandal with dark hair; Ella Mae Landry here five minutes before six in the morning; Alice Haddad praising classical music; Elsie Andrews with a nice long pen—instead of a stub; June Roy getting in a full week without being late; Art Van Steenburg buying a paper in the morning; Steffi Novak giving up sweets.

What was the embarrassing moment that took place in the men's room as Chick went hurrying in and found a lady there. That's all I can say. Ask Chick.

I wonder why some girls are so glad when the supervisor can't fix the machine and Jack Shields has to come in and do it?

It seems the winders have gone crazy over pin-up boys. After all girls, they are only men. Did I say men?

I wonder if Stella B. lives from day to day by that horoscope she carries around in her pocket book?

Checking off 'til the next time.

Winders—Second Shift

By Gladys Charron

Each time the *Log* enters the homes of the "chosen few" of N. A., even the resistors search futilely for even the slightest mention of our famous winders.

The most recent news in our friendly little circle is the award of a captaincy to Betty Donovan's husband. Congratulations, Capt., and the best of luck to both you and Betty.

Question of the hour: "Ted, have you a tapeworm or is it just a bottomless pit?" How about it, Russ? You should know.

The Oh's and Ah's emitted from the girls last Saturday were caused by Jessica Pike's fine coloring of our bridge operator's snapshots. Jess confesses that she likes sewing much better.

A certain Williamstown cheerleader is seeing quite a lot of Larry lately. Incidentally, B.—since the way to a man's heart is through his stomach—is that what happened to our chocolates?

Pat Collins punched in at 2:30 P.M. last Monday. How did you do it, Pat? I heard tell you found roller skates large enough to fit over your boots. Could be!

Ruth is back on hand-winding after a slight sojourn to the progressives. Welcome back, Ruth.

Please, please, dear Lord — make Red tell me his first name.



Thomas Ferrara and Pvt. Orlando Gill. Thomas is son of Rose Ferrara of B.T.A. and Orlando is brother of Mary Gill of B.T.A.

Brown St. Sample Lab.

By Margaret Crews

The girls had a dinner in the shop for Emma Underwood who left to work at the Beaver St. plant. Emma received a beautiful wool blanket as a parting gift. Best of luck, Emma, from all... Who punched in a full ten minutes early on Tuesday? Good going, Alma, and a shining example to the rest of us. Can you do it again?... We are glad to welcome Thelma Carney to our group. Howdy, Thelma!... A discussion has arisen about our glamour boy, Arthur. Some say he has the personality of Frank Sinatra, while others think his dancing smacks of Fred Astaire. A few more try-outs are in order before we get him catalogued.

What little blonde entertained the Signal Corps with a hot Q meter and didn't recover the rest of the day?... Wanted: An obliging soul to stand near and close the elevator door as necessary. The assortment of sneezes is terrific.

Mrs. Murdock Feted

A miscellaneous shower was given in honor of Mrs. Raymond Murdock of Shelburne Falls, the former Rita Deno, at Florini's by her co-workers Tuesday evening, January 18. Mrs. Murdock received many beautiful gifts. Dancing followed the supper. Miss Lillian Hart entertained with a specialty, and Mrs. Elaine Bressette sang a few songs. Mrs. Murdock is employed in the K.V.A. Department at Brown Street.



Pfc. Ray and Mrs. Murdock, married January 4, 1944. Mrs. Murdock is the former Rita Deno of K.V.A. Pfc. Ray is stationed at Camp Atterbury, Ind.

Welcome to Mrs. Gertrude Long, R.N., who at present is substituting at Brown Street dispensary.

Best wishes to Ethel Lowe, Brown Street Dispensary!

Miss Dorothy Archambeault, R.N., was in New York on business the week end of January 27th.

FOUND! The briefs that hang on the Brown Street Line — Ask I. L. of Resistors!

The time study office has been dusted for the first time in two weeks. The reason for it, well, now, haven't you guessed? The new girl is expected soon. After all, our time setters must make a good impression. Right, Alex? And where did you get the blue flowered apron? It's so becoming.

Best wishes and a speedy recovery to Pfc. Harry Bontempi, Torney General Hospital, Ward D4, Palm Springs, California. Harry is son of Patricia of the Filter Dept.

Stella Beauchamp took a few days vacation to be with her brother home on furlough after a year's absence.

Mable Rhodes has returned to work after spending a few days vacation with her husband who was home on a short leave.

Stella Belanger has just returned to work after spending a few weeks with her husband at Camp Campbell, Kentucky.

Recent visitors to the plant were Corporal Allan McPherson, formerly of Mica-Impregnating, and his brother Robert of the U. S. Navy, formerly of the drafting department.

Our best wishes go to Mrs. Melvina Hifko of Mica-Impregnating and John Maselli of Molding.

Who is the girl in Silver Mica who came to work in three shades of purple and tried to make us believe she was going to a "Banquet"? ?

Lawrence Hiser spent the week end of Jan. 22nd in Quincy, Mass., where he went on an inspection tour of the Hingham Shipyards, and the Bethlehem Steel Works.

Miss Rougeau Showered

A miscellaneous shower was given for Miss Lorraine Rougeau whose approaching marriage is scheduled for February 12 to Mr. Raymond Lamoureux. About sixty persons were served at a delicious luncheon at the Rougeau home, assisted by Mrs. Kenneth Chesbro, Miss Anna Montagna and Miss Marion Belding. Lorraine received many beautiful gifts, and her co-workers of Western Electric extend their good wishes.

Fitz Former Supervisor In Industrial Oil Rolling Writes His Gang

Hello Folks,

Just a few lines to let you know that I received your wonderful three foot letter. If you only knew how happy it made me. The letter was almost as good as a furlough. I would like to write a letter to each of you, but think the war would be over before I could get a chance to finish. I hope this letter will serve the purpose. I want to thank you Fran, for thinking up the idea, it sure went over big with me. I would like to get more of them.

Sorry I didn't get a furlough before I left, Ag, but I suppose you know that it wasn't my idea. I read in the *Log* about the birthday party you gave for Nancy B. Still taking good care of her? Happy Birthday Nancy B. Hope you have many more of them. I'm all done playing submarine. I don't want anything to do with them anymore.

Bernice, you say that since Fran got married she has become independent. Are you going to let her get away with that? I see by the *Log* that Senorita spent a week-end in Clarksburg. She sure is traveling. Wow!

Yes, I remember you, Mrs. Lamoureux. I just couldn't wait for those Saturday mornings to come around, you always had something good for me to eat. She's a good cook, folks. Glad to hear that you are working in a good Dept. Well, isn't it???

Glad to hear that you are back on the job, Lug. How did you like the army. You bet I know my general orders. After reading the letter from you people, I felt as though I knew the General.

Murf, I hope you are feeling bet.r these days. Don't tell me you're working too hard, or is it the Scotch? By the way, I hope you and Lug will save me some.

I'll bet Sweeney is getting the most gravey and doing the most squawking. How about that? How did everything go the day before *this* Christmas, Irene?

So you finally made your rate, eh Mabel? At any rate, I'm glad to hear from you. When I left I had one wart, now I have three. How about sending me that solution Stacia?

Hello, Mrs. Nelson R. Shaw—and it's still Red to me—Congratulations! This Italian wine is powerful stuff but I haven't had a drink since I've been

Bernard Fitzpatrick



here. Bep — Bep — Excuse me. Congratulations on the new arrival, Lu. How long are you going to work this time? Ahem!

Your Friend,
Fitzie

Roger Sorel's Line Calling

Who's the girl that says to Catherine Del Debbio? "That Youth is a wonderful thing."

Oh yes, Lucy, it sure is.

Who is the girl who runs to the window every afternoon at 2:15 and calls, "Squeak", "Squeak"?

Is it Ida? Why of course.

Ceil Duda sure is enjoying herself sitting next to Lucy, our personality kid. Never a dull moment. Are we right, Ceil?

Ask Catherine, she knows.

Roger will you please have a clock put down on the Cementers' table? Our poor Elsa can't see the time.

Right, Elsa?

We are glad to have with us Beatrice and Mae from the Training Center. Good luck to you girls. We know you'll like us.

(Or else.)

As for Stella—Oh well, we just don't know. She's too deep for us. And, as for our Helen she's all right but please don't pout. Your mail man shows up, doesn't he? (Stella says, "No letter, no smile.") By the way, who can cement the best, Frances S. or Lucy A.? We'll see, next time.

Try again, Fran.

Mica News

By Betty Bourdon

What happened to John Walsh? He became that necessary missing link of that quartet chain at the Annual Log Banquet. Come, come, John, you can't blame it on to your moustache! Who of the Mica Dept. owns a real, live bull? Now gal, this is no "heifer dust!"

Mrs. Doris O'Brien (O.B.) was given a surprise birthday party on January 21st by the final Inspection group. Refreshments were served and Mrs. O. B. was presented with a birthday cake and a fine gift of Helena Rubenstein's cosmetics.

We are happy to have Helen Lefebvre added to our fold—she comes to us from the Impregnating Department.

"My Heart Tells Me!"—Someone has been foolin' around my desk—or what would you think? I found an egg in the bottom drawer... it was right next to the radiator, too! Isn't it enough to wish an egg on one, without wishing a chicken on one, too? Cluck! Cluck!

Short but sweet—What?—Birthday party. When?—Jan. 12. Guests?—Mica Finishing, Hostesses and Host?—Helen Johnson, Helen Falco and Harold Formhals. Refreshments?—Soda and a birthday cake. For whom?—Betty Bourdon. Result?—a very happy girl, even if a year older!